that only during the years 1997-98 and 1998-99, the commercial revenue of Doordarshan had shown a downfall trend, but in 1999-2000 and 2000-2001 this has been reversed.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Prasar Bharati is a Public Service Broadcaster and does not solely operate on commercial basis to make profit. The commercial revenue earned by Doordarshan during 2000-2001 was Rs. 637.51 crores.

(d) No, Sir.

Telecast of Gyan Darshan

91. SHRIMATI SARLA MAHESHWARI: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are going to stop the educational programme of Gyan Darshan from its National Network from August 1, 2001; and

(b) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRIMATI SUSHMA SWARAJ): (a) and (b) It has been intimated by Prasar Bharati that right since its inception Doordarshan has given high priority to educational programmes. Over a period of time, it has accommodated programmes from University Grants Commission, Central Institute for Education and Technology, State Institute for Education and Technology, Indira Gandhi National Open University and National Literacy Mission. These efforts of Doordarshan culminated into starting of a full-fledged Education Channel called "Gyan Darshan" in collaboration with the Ministry of Human Resource Development.

Doordarshan has also undertaken a restructuring exercise of its programming on DD-National Channel, with a view to meeting its mandate as a Public JJervice Broadcaster and to ensure that it is in a position to generate revenue to gradually become self-supporting.

Doordarshan is at present discussing with the Ministry of Human Resource Development, the telecast arrangements of educational . programmes. No decision has been taken in the matter so far.

Seeting up of the Office of PEB In Jabalpur

†92. SHRI P.K. MAHESHWARI: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the office of Press Information Bureau is being set up in Jabalpur; and

(b) if so, by when the said office will be set-up?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRIMATI SUSHMA SWARAJ): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Head of office of programme originating stations

93. SHRI KARTAR SINGH DUGGAL: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) the names of programme originating stations where the head of office is other than an incumbent from the programme cadre;

(b) how is the practice of entrusting the charge of a full-fledged station to an officer other than of the programme cadre working; and

(c) whether there have been any protests from the programme cadre against this practice?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRIMATI SUSHMA SWARAJ): (a) The list of such stations where the incumbent head of the office of AIR stations is not from programme cadre is given in the Statement *(See* below) ;

(b) and (c) Prasar Bharati has informed that they" have introduced a system of rotational headship of AIR stations, between Programme & Engineering officers, except in case of capital stations. There is no

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.